

WHAT'S BAKIN' IN 5M9'S KITCHENS

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"Serving Through Lionism" 94th Annual MD5M Multiple Convention

May 3, 4 & 5, 2013

Mayo Civic Center

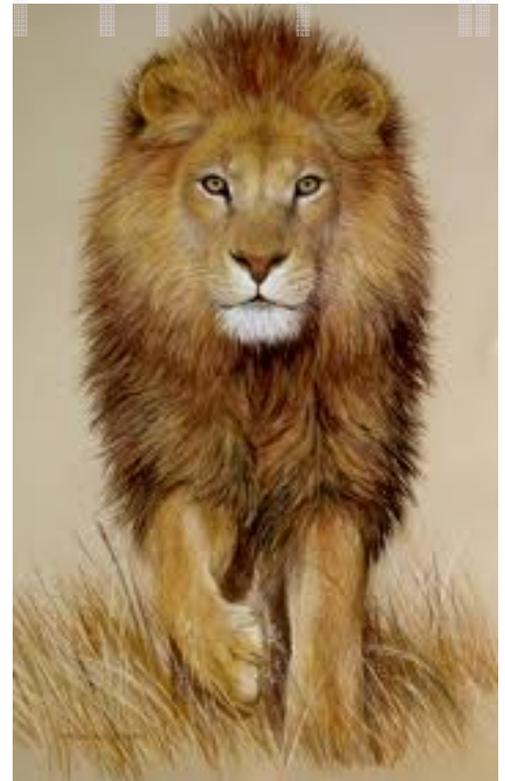
Rochester, MN

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Rochester Lions

PLAN TO ATTEND!!!

See page 5 of this newsletter
for more information



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

- 4—Guthrie-Nary Lions visit
- 7—Backus Lions visit
- 10—Bluffton Lion Pancake Breakfast @ BCC 8:30-12:30
- 11—Cormorant Lions visit
- 16—Council of Gov Mtg
- 24—Cabinet Mtg at Park Rapids gather 1:30 / start 2:00pm
- 25—Zone 7 Mtg at Lake Park

27—Longville Lions visit

31—Easter Sunday

APRIL

- 4—Zone 6 Mtg at Wolf Lake
- 8—Baxter Lions visit
- 9—Palisade Lions visit/25 Anniv.
- 17—Deer Creek Lions visit
- 18-21—Reg Leadership Institute
- 22—Breckenridge & Campbell visit
- 23—Zone 8 Mtg at Elizabeth
- 23—Zone 5 Mtg at Wadena

24—Zone 9 Mtg at Battle Lake

25—Zone 4 Mtg at Laporte

26—Vergas 45th Anniversary

29—Zone 2 Mtg at McGregor

29—Zone 1 Mtg at Merrifield

MAY

3-5—MD5M Convention

7—COL at Crosby

8—COL at Bluffton

10—Nisswa Anniversary

13—Merrifield visit



WHAT'S BAKIN' IN 5M9'S KITCHENS



Well, we have certainly been having March winds already in February along with snow and cold temperatures. Soon it will be Spring and new life will spring up everywhere. Let's get some new service projects or fundraising projects started for Spring. Many times we do the same things every year. Let's go "outside of the box" and surprise everyone by bringing some new ideas to your next club or zone meeting.

At a recent club visit while sharing the Reading Program with them a member asked to add something. He told us how when he was young and they had book orders he hated them because his parents couldn't afford to let him order books. You could still see the hurt in his face as he shared his story. I am challenging each and every club to contact their local schools and find out how to donate money to help children whose parents cannot afford to let them buy a book. Our schools still have book orders 4-5 times a year. Think of the joy and help you would give these children.

All clubs, please remember to have your club elections by April 15th and file your PU101 as soon as possible after. Your information goes to our Multiple District Secretary who then compiles the information to form the Directory. If you need help filing your PU101, please don't hesitate to give me a call.

We have a new Global Membership Team Coordinator, Randy Beaver from the Verndale Lions Club. Give Lion Randy a call and have him come to do a program on membership for your club. He has some great ideas and will do a fantastic job for our District. Congratulations Lion Randy and welcome aboard!

We are again offering a printed Directory to all of our clubs and members. Remember, this Directory is for the EXCLUSIVE use of Lion members of each District for the SOLE PURPOSE of communicating with each other within their District or within the Multiple District. It is NOT to be used as a mailing list to solicit money or any other business. The entire Directory will again cost \$14.00 each and just 5M9 Directory will be \$4.00 each. I encourage each club to get at least one printed Directory as I have noticed while traveling our District that the Treasurer frequently does not have the addresses or names of the Project Chairs to which they are supposed to send the donation checks. Lions PDG Peter Van Erp and Pat Hendrickx will once again be the contacts for ordering these Directory's. They will be at the Spring Zone Meetings to take your orders and money. Each Directory MUST be paid for in advance. They will take orders until June 25th.

College of Leadership—COL—see page 6 in this newsletter for details. Plan to attend. There will be LOTS of valuable information.

Remember to check on where/when your Zone Meeting for this Spring will be (page 3) and plan to attend. All Presidents and Secretaries are encouraged to attend. This is part of your obligation as an officer to come and get all the information that is new in our District then take it back to share with your club.

Hope to see many of you at the Spring Zone Meetings.

Keep those ovens on the "buns a bakin'"

DG Margaret



“WATTS” NEW in 5M9

District Governor Elect
Donald Hendrickx



“March Madness” is here and I think I am right in the middle of it! This month your DGE will be attending GLT training in Minneapolis and 9 days later returning for 4 more days of training, plus a Council of Governors meeting and Cabinet meeting. I feel like I am back in high

school, only my brain is slower at absorbing things...

Down to business. There are a few things needing attention that are coming up in Lions—

1. You need to have your PU101's in to me by **APRIL 1ST**. They need to be sent into LCI. One thing I ask, is that you fill them out with all of the correct information and that they are legible. If not—you will be getting a call from me.
2. The College of Leadership will be held on Tuesday, May 7th at St. Joseph's Church in Crosby and on Wednesday, May 8th at the Bluffton Community Center. A free will light supper will be provided from 5-6 pm. Meetings start promptly at 6pm and end at 8pm. Classes will include Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, Membership, and Tail Twisting. There will also be a question and answer at the end. Please encourage your club members to attend opportunity, This is NOT just meeting for the officers, but for all members.
3. The last Zone meetings are being planned so Presidents—get this information out to your members and insist that they go to these meetings to learn what is going on in their Zone. There is so much information about Lions and the projects out there. If you never take part in any of the activities, how will your passion for Lions grow??

The Spirit of Easter is all about Hope, Love, and Joyful Living.

Pat and I both wish you a Blessed and Joyous Easter Season.

Vrolijk Pasen (Happy Easter)

DGE Donald

CLUB REMINDERS

- ⇒ Club elections and PU101's completed and submitted before April 15th.
- ⇒ March 10—Bluffton Lion Pancake Breakfast @ BCC 8:30-12:30
- ⇒ April 9—Palisade Lions 25th Anniversary
- ⇒ April 26—Vergas Lions 45th Anniversary
- ⇒ May 3-5—MD5M Convention
- ⇒ May 7—COL at Crosby
- ⇒ May 8—COL at Bluffton
- ⇒ May 10—Nisswa Anniversary
- ⇒ For your Peace Poster Contest Kits contact Jeanne Roggenkamp roggenkampj@arvig.net or Maria Patton radtig@paulbunyan.net

ZONE MEETINGS

- ⇒ Zone 1—April 29 at Merrifield
- ⇒ Zone 2—April 29 at McGregor
- ⇒ Zone 3— ???
- ⇒ Zone 4—April 25 at Laporte
- ⇒ Zone 5—April 23 at Wadena
- ⇒ Zone 6—April 4 at Wolf Lake Lions Hall 6pm social / 6:30 dinner/meeting \$10—RSVP by March 28th to Roger/Elaine Hollerud, 218-255-0134, hollerud@wcta.net
- ⇒ Zone 7—March 25 at Lake Park
- ⇒ Zone 8—April 23 at Elizabeth Community Center
- ⇒ Zone 9—April 24 at Battle Lake

Here it is, March already—can Spring be far behind!?! I'm more than ready for the next season but know there will be more snow to come.

This is getting to be a busy time of the year. First club elections need to be held and reported by April 15th so your PU 101's can be sent to DGE Don. He needs these reports so he, in turn, can meet his deadline for sending this information on.

April is the month when most of the Spring Zone Meeting will be held. Your Zone Chairs have been busy finalizing arrangements for these meetings and are looking for a 100% attendance from their clubs. Let's not disappoint them. See the "CLUB REMINDERS" on page 3 of this newsletter for Zone Meeting information.

Club Presidents—it is up to you to relay information on to your club members as soon as your Zone Chair notifies you with all of the final details. Let your club members know about you Zone Meeting and make plans to attend. This is the place to hear what's going on at the District level, hear about neighboring clubs and just meet with your fellow Lions. The meetings don't last long and you always have a good meal and an interesting program is planned.

A reminder—we will again be offering the hard copy (printed copy) of the directory disc for next year. You will be hearing more about this, including pricing, at the Zone Meetings. It will again be the big book (MD5M information) or the small book (District 5M9 information). Your choice. Payment will be made when ordering. So, another good reason to attend the Zone Meetings—to order your copy.

The 94th Annual MD5M Convention will be held May 3-5 at Rochester. It is hosted by the Rochester Lions. International Vice President, Barry Palmer, will be our guest speaker. Come to hear what he has to share. He will be our International President 2013-2014 and this is a great opportunity to hear from one of our international officers. Make plans to attend. MD5M's own, Lion Bunny Tabbatt with a field rep from Leader Dog will be speaking at one of the seminars.

PDG Ken and I wish you a truly blessed and joyous Easter Season.

1st VDGE Gloria Anderson

Thought for the month: *"Gratitude is born in hearts that take time to remember past blessings."*



Perham Lakes Lions

In response to International President Madden's **Reading Initiative**, Lions Bonnie Genin and Pat Hendrickx of the Perham Lakes Lions have been going to the Perham parochial schools to read with the students.

Lion Bonnie is pictured listening to a student read to her.

Lions Bonnie and Pat encourage other Lions Clubs to do the same.

What a GREAT way to spend an hour a week!!!

Come to the 94th Annual Multiple District Convention!

By PDG Lion Dudley Parsons, Chair, 2013
MD5M Convention

“Serving Through Lionism”

The Rochester Lions convention committee and the sitting district governors have been working hard to plan a convention that will be remembered well. The convention starts at 3:00 p.m. sharp on Friday, May 3, 2013, with the opening business meeting. That evening the past district governors will gather for a nice dinner, followed by the memorial service when we will honor the many Lions who have passed away since the last multiple district convention.

We will have a fine band, *Lost Faculties*, to round out the evening, with great snacks and music to satisfy every style of dancing at the social event that follows the memorial service.

Saturday morning starts early, with a continental breakfast at 7:00 a.m., followed by several seminar sessions that will start at 8:00 a.m. Everyone will get a chance to hear **Dr. Elizabeth Seaquest** speaking about diabetes during that first hour.

Following her presentation, there will be two sets of concurrent seminars. In the first session, **International Vice President Barry Palmer** will speak to all club presidents, district governors, and vice district governors. **PDG Lion Dudley Parsons** will tell you the complete story of where all those eyeglasses go — from collection box to a mission trip to the Dominican Republic. **Lion Bob Harms** will detail his experiences in his “border to border” lawn mower ride to support the Minnesota Hearing and Research Foundation.

During the second session, Lion Bunny Tabbatt and Leader Dog Field Representative Kathleen Breen will speak about Leader Dogs for the Blind, and Artist Cynthia Weitzel will explore ways to connect the deaf and hearing communities. The third seminar of that session will be led **Lion Al Peters of Can Do Canines, and a Can Do Canines Client**. They will share stories of how our financial support impacts lives.

Lunch will start at 11:30 a.m. and will conclude in time for the three foundation meetings and the main business meeting.

An important reason to come to the convention is a chance to endorse a candidate for international director during the business meeting on Saturday afternoon. Past Council Chair Mike Molenda has announced his intent to run for that position. His endorsement will be good for two years.

How many chances do you have to hear from an international vice president? In addition to his Saturday morning seminar, he will address the convention at the Saturday evening banquet. Since he will be the international president in the 2013-2014 Lions year, this is an excellent chance to hear what his tenure will encompass.

To top it off, we have arranged for excellent food to be served throughout the convention.

You can register for the convention using your credit card by logging into the MD5M website and clicking on the link at the top of the home page. Everything you need is available there. The registration form is also in this newsletter.

We sure hope to see you all there!

94th Annual Multiple District 5M Convention Tentative Schedule

Friday, May 3rd

3:00 p.m.	Opening Business Meeting
5:30 p.m.	PDG Dinner
8:00 p.m.	Memorial Service
9:00 p.m.	Social with Musical Entertainment

Saturday, May 4th

7:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
8:00-11:10 a.m.	Seminars
11:30 a.m.	Lunch
1:30 p.m.	Foundation Meetings
2:30 p.m.	Business Meeting
6:00 p.m.	International Reception
7:00 p.m.	Banquet
	International VP Barry Palmer, speaking

Sunday, May 5th

9:00 a.m.	Sunday Brunch
	David Dorn, CEO of Special Olympics Minnesota, speaking.

A more detailed schedule will be published in March or April.



College of Leadership

5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Tuesday May 7th

St Joseph Catholic Church in Crosby

Wednesday May 8th

Bluffton Community Center

5:00—6:00 Free will offering Light supper— BBQ's, beans, chips, veggies and bars

6:00 Topics that will be covered are – Presidents – PDG Peter Van Erp

Secretaries – DG Margaret Van Erp

Treasurer's – PDG Eldon Bergman

Tail Twisting – PDG Dale Johansen

Membership – PDG Bruce Beck and Lion Randy Beaver

Around 7:15 pm there will be a question and answer for any thing about Lions that you want to know. This will include everyone.

PLEASE RSVP DG Margaret at 385-3446 or DGE Don at 346-5899 with supper numbers By May 1st.

Please inform ALL MEMBERS to attend not just your officers.

This is meant to include all Lions and if you have ever thought about taking one of the offices, sit in on the class and learn something about it.

There is always something to learn !!





**MD5M
ENVIRONMENTAL
PHOTO
CONTEST WINNER**

Congratulations to PDG Jack Riordan for this winning photo. Jack's photo will now be sent on to LCI to compete.

PDG Jack is a member of the Pine River Lions Club in our very own District 5M9.

Frazee Students Participate in Lions Poster Contests

YOUTH OUTREACH POSTER CONTEST

(below: left to right)

PDG Lion Rodger Palmer, Vergas, presents Chelsea Samuelson with a check for her participation. Lion Mark Pergande, Frazee, presents Maryah Clauson with her check and Lion Tom Mickelson, Wolf Lake, presents Brittany Lormis with her check. Brittany placed 3rd in District 5M9 with her poster.



HORNET PRIDE



PEACE POSTER CONTEST

(above)

Brittany Lormis (left), Grade 8, won 1st place for Lions District 5M9. Chelsea Samuelson (right), Grade 7, earned honorable mention for the Frazee Lions Club.

Motorcycling for Leader Dog

Mark Mansell and his wife Debbie will ride 10,000 miles on a motorcycle for Leader Dogs for the Blind.

They will start in Washington State on June 15 and on June 20 will enter Minnesota at Barnesville, to Bluffton, to Little Falls, to Spring Lake Park and into Wisconsin on June 21. They plan on completing their trip July 08, 2013. They are looking forward to a visit at KLTF Radio at 10:00 A.M. on the 21st. and do a short interview for the MC Record while in Little Falls, MN...

Their daughter Jessie designed their new pin. The pins will sell for \$20.00 each. Again as they did last year, the Mansell's donated every cent to Leader Dogs for the Blind.

More information will follow. If you want to follow their progress, they will be on Face Book. More information is available on lead-dog.org

Respectfully submitted by Lion Bunny Tabatt



M4LD TRIP ITINERARY

Total Miles 9,346

Date	Day of the week	Departure Location	Arrival Location	Daily Mileage	Notes	States	State Totals
6/15	Saturday	La Center, WA	to Meridian, ID	445		WA, OR, ID	3
6/16	Sunday	Meridian, ID	to Yellowstone Nat. Park	447	Via Burley, ID and West Yellowstone, MT	ID, MT, WY	5
6/17	Monday	Yellowstone Nat. Park	to Cheyenne, WY	454	Via Grand Teton NPs	WY	5
6/18	Tuesday	Cheyenne, WY	to Hays, KS	435	Via Eustis, NE	WY, NE, KS	7
6/19	Wednesday	Hays, KS	to Lincoln, NE	471	Via Overland Park, KS	KS, MO, IA	9
6/20	Thursday	Lincoln, NE	to Barnesville, MN	448	Via Sioux Falls, SD and Wahpeton, ND	IA, SD, ND, MN	12
6/21	Friday	Barnesville, MN	to Abbotsford, WI	414	Via Bluffton, MN, Little Falls, MN, Spring Lake Park, MN, Bloomer, WI and Abbotsford, WI	MN, WI	13
6/22	Saturday	Abbotsford, WI	to Steger, IL	370	Via Green Bay, WI and Lions International Headquarters	WI, IL	14
6/23	Sunday	Steger, IL	to Bay City, MI	383	Via Fort Wayne, IN and Jackson, MI	IL, IN, MI	16
6/24	Monday	Bay City, MI	to Rochester Hills, MI	91		MI	16
6/25	Tuesday	Rochester Hills, MI	to Springboro, NY	281	Via Meadville, PA and Waterford, PA	MI, OH, PA	18
6/26	Wednesday	Springboro, NY	to Nigara Falls, NY	144		PA, NY	19
6/27	Thursday	Nigara Falls, NY	to Ticonderoga, NY	352	Via Brockport, NY and Oswego, NY	NY	19
6/28	Friday	Ticonderoga, NY	to New Haven, CT	431	Via Rochester, NH, South Berwick, ME, Boston, MA and Providence, RI	NY, VT, NH, ME, MA, RI, CT	25
6/29	Saturday	New Haven, CT	to Laurel, DE	320	Via New York, NY and Dewey Beach, DE	CT, NY, NJ, PA, DE	27
6/30	Sunday	Laurel, DE	to Washington, DC	107		DE, DC	27+
7/1	Monday	Washington, DC	to Charleston, WV	333		DC, MD, VA, WV	30+
7/2	Tuesday	Charleston, WV	to Augusta, GA	468	Via Pikeville, KY	WV, KY, VA, TN, NC, SC, GA	35+
7/3	Wednesday	Augusta, GA	to Pensacola, FL	462	Via Montgomery, AL	GA, AL, FL	37+
7/4	Thursday	Pensacola, FL	to Alexandria, LA	448	Via Diamondhead, MS and Houma, LA	FL, AL, MS, LA	39+
7/5	Friday	Alexandria, LA	to Oklahoma City, OK	506	Via Texakana, TX	LA, AR, TX, OK	42+
7/6	Saturday	Oklahoma City, OK	to Albuquerque, NM	543		OK, TX, NM	43+
7/7	Sunday	Albuquerque, NM	to Zion NP, UT	573	Via Four Corners National Monument	NM, CO, AZ, UT	46+
7/8	Monday	Zion NP, UT	to Bakersfield, CA	420		UT, NV, CA	48+

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VERGAS LIONS & FRIENDS
HAVE A ROARING GOOD TIME



HEAR US ROAR!!!

A ferocious pride of Vergas Lions and friends were recently spotted at a Vergas Community Event to raise money for improvements to the Vergas Event Center. Please notice the new drop down screen in the background. It along with a wonderful ceiling mounted projector were purchased by the city with funds raised and donated by the Vergas Lions Club.

Pictured from the left going around the table: Vergas Lions Ross Smith, Terri Smith, Tracey Buhl, Elaine Palmer, Rodger Palmer, (far back) Guest David Wurst, Lion April Anderson, Guest Tim Johnson, Underwood Lion/Guest Frank Vogel.

Vergas Lions 45th Anniversary

SAVE THE DATE: Friday, April 26th at the Vergas Event Center \$25/person
Social: 5:30pm - Prime Rib Dinner: 6:00pm followed by speakers CC Bruce Beck & Vergas Lion, Charter Member, Rodney Hanson. More information will follow.
Contacts: Lions Rodger Palmer 218-841-0302, repotter@eot.com
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Please submit stories and photos on or before the 15th of each month for entry into the following months newsletter. When possible, send photos in a jpeg format and articles as a word document. Use pdf format only when the other options are not available. Contact me for assistance or with questions.

Thank You
 Tracey Buhl